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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Action, dated March 9, 2005, be extended one month, from June 9, 2005 to Monday, July 11, 2005.

A Credit Card Authorization form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized hereby also to charge any additional fees or credit any

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